

# Poultney Board of Selectmen

## Meeting

**Monday, July 10, 2017 – 6:30 pm**

## Poultney Town Hall

### Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 6/26/17
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
  - Letters & Communications
  - Planning Commission Hearing June 27, 2017, July 6, 2017 and August 2, 2017
  - Educational Tax Rate
  - Tax Rate (July 24, 2017)
  - Caterer Liquor License (Taps Tavern), event 7-22-17 Stone Valley Arts
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business:
- 7) Health Officers Report
- 8) Executive Session
- 9) Board Orders
- 10) Adjourn

## Meeting Minutes

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Jeff King called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Jeff King, Frank Fressie, Tom Coloutti, Terry Williams and George Miller. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Town Manager, Neisja Crawford, Secretary / Bookkeeper.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Tom Coloutti made a motion to adopt the agenda. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** George Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of 6/26/17. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried

**Public Comments and Concerns:** none

### **Road Report:**

Paul Donaldson for Ron Kelly, who was off for bereavement of the death of his mother-in-law, reported the following:

- grading and filling in potholes
- employees have been using vacation

### **Town Managers Report:**

- Paul Donaldson: talked with Brian Sanderson; bridges are the Town's responsibility, except, Class I state municipal roads and bridges over railroad tracks (140 bridge is part Village and Town, the guard rail is on the town side)
- Tax Payment agreements  
Paul Donaldson: delinquent property owner is asking for a payment arrangement-I'm telling people, I'm reluctant to agree to any tax payment plan, until I discuss with the Select Board  
Tom Coloutti: first ask them if they've gone to the bank to request a line of credit  
Paul Donaldson: think we should try to work with some people  
Terry Williams: what you do for one, you have to do for all  
Paul Donaldson: yes, but with any arrangement, must pay current taxes when due  
George Miller: how far back are taxes delinquent?  
Tom Coloutti: then everyone will want to make a payment plan

Terry Williams: if you're going to do we must have a contract  
Jeff King: if they redeem from tax sale, then they're ahead  
Frank Fressie: hate to see us go back to where we were  
Paul Donaldson: payment plan would have to pay current at the same time  
Tom Coloutti: whatever we do, we have to do for others  
Terry Williams: what percentage of people that live in Poultney are delinquent?  
Paul Donaldson: look at report  
Jeff King: I'm opposed to any payment plan right now  
George Miller: ok if pay now and pay on previous year  
Paul Donaldson: concerned if no one bids at tax sale  
Terry Williams: Poultney has no affordable housing- think about getting local guys to fix up for town, then sale  
Paul Donaldson: I'm going to tell this lady no, and stay the course of the plan  
Frank Fressie: maybe put a letter in the tax bill explaining the Town's plan  
-are there any other people in a similar situation, that really can't pay?  
Paul Donaldson: there are several people in that situation  
Paul Donaldson: I'm trying to get an exemption for the Amish  
Terry Williams: New York gives it to them

- Caterer Liquor License (Taps Tavern), event 7-22-17 Stone Valley Arts  
Serena from Taps Tavern is trying to get a one day liquor license, for this instance  
Frank Fressie: Is there such thing as a one day license?  
Paul Donaldson: yes, for special event  
-Green Mountain College has a catering license, do you want Betsy to give liquor license carte blanche  
Jeff King: no, the Select Board needs to approve each license

#### Approval of one-time liquor license

Tom Coloutti made a motion to approve the Caterer Liquor License (Taps Tavern), event 7-22-17 Stone Valley Arts. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried

#### Planning Commission Meeting

- Paul Donaldson: the first meeting was very short- the quarries wanted to repeal everything, now they are want to have a conversation, to understand what the real issues are (as opposed to going all in, not knowing the real issues)
- The next meeting is August 2<sup>nd</sup> – the Planning Commission is going to try to put together a recommendation for the Select Board

#### Educational Tax Rate Received

- Rates have gone down
- Non-Residential Rate of \$1.53 (compared to \$1.5836 last year)
- Residential Rate of \$1.4939 (compared to \$1.5732 last year)

Tax Rate (July 24, 2017)

- Listers are finalizing the grand list
- Working with Jonas to set tax rate for the next Select Board meeting

Paul Donaldson: Mary Lansom called to gather data regarding any damage from the last storm. Poultney could be eligible for FEMA funds -does anyone know of any damage?

-none

Paul Donaldson: V trans scoffed at me regarding the trusses

- The hydraulics report (done some time ago) said there was no negative impact
- Will continue looking into this (there is a new guy now)  
Jeff King: is we put another hole in the trussel, it would really protect this town

4<sup>th</sup> of July

Paul Donaldson: there were lots of people, no incidents, Castleton parade was on the same day as Poultney's

Frank Fressie: Has the Dollar General report been posted?

Paul Donaldson: yes-appeals will go to the Environmental Court, where they will see all new evidence

**Health Officer:**

Terry Williams reported the following:

- Martin Meade – dog bite- 1 yr old, at St Catherine, took to Glens Falls Hospital

**Executive Session:**

**Board Orders:**

Tom Coloutti made a motion to pay board orders. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried

**Adjournment:**

Frank Fressie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. George Miller seconded motion. Motion carried